GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WINDING UP OF FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to wind up flood control programmes for the States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether irregularities have been found in flood relief programmes started by some States;

(d) if so, whether the Government has conducted inquiry into this;

(e) if so, the States which have not spent the amount allocated under 10th Five Year Plan on targeted projects;

(f) whether the projects sanctioned by Ganga Flood Control Commission has been completed; and

(g) if not, by when the projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Several flood control schemes are under implementation by Ministry of Water Resources. Support is being provided to the State Government for taking up various activities through such schemes. Discontinuation of specific schemes and taking up of new schemes as per the requirements is a continuous process.

(c), (d), & (e) An instance of irregularity in flood relief operation in Bihar in 2004 has come to notice. The State Government has informed that a vigilance enquiry has been ordered in the matter and the Vigilance Investigation Bureau have conducted enquiry and have registered a case.

(f) and (g) Flood Control being within the purview of State Government, the schemes are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments. The assistance rendered by Central Government i s technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The Statewise details of the Schemes under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, "Critical Anti Erosion Works in Ganga Basin States" are as below:

State	No.of shemes	No. of schemes	No.of schemes completed	No. of schemes to going on	be taken up
Bihar	27	9	10	8	
Uttar Pradesh	15	8	4	3	
West Bengal	38	3	6	29	
Himachal Pradesh	1	-	-	1	
Uttaranchal	2	1	1	-	
Jharkhand	1	-	-	1	

Under the Scheme , "Maintenance of flood protection works of Kosi and Gandak Project" expenditure incurred by State Governments i s reimbursed. Under the Scheme, "Extension of embankments on Lalbakeya, Bagmati, Kamla and Khando rivers", the works on

Lalbakeya embankment are in advanced stage of completion and the works on the critical reaches of Bagmati (Estimated cost Rs. 4.53 crore) and that of Kamla (Estimated cost Rs. 7.00 crore) have been taken up by the Government of Bihar.